

U.S. Officer Is Assassinated In Brazil as Son, 9, Watches

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Oct. 12 (AP)—A U.S. Army captain who was a Vietnam veteran was machine-gunned to death by two self-styled Brazilian revolutionaries today in front of his 9-year-old son.

The victim was identified as Capt. Charles Rodney Chandler, 30, of Arcadia, La. His son, Darryl, told police the men struck when Chandler was backing the family car out of the garage, and then sped off in a small white auto.

The assassins left leaflets scattered near the body, accusing Chandler of being a "Vietnam war criminal" and of being in Brazil to "train war criminals and show them the

most advanced techniques of torture and cruelty."

Chandler's wife and three other children were in the house during the shooting.

Robert Corrigan, the American consul, said Chandler had spent a year in Vietnam. Chandler was in Brazil "strictly on civilian status," said Corrigan, studying Portuguese and Brazilian history at the University of Sao Paulo under a two-year Olmsted Scholarship. He said Chandler had "no military training functions of any kind."

The leaflets called Chandler "a notorious imperialist agent responsible for the practice of numerous war crimes against

the Vietnamese people."

"The assassination of Major Che Guevara in Bolivia was committed through the orders and orientation of war criminals such as this," said the leaflets.

Chandler was the fourth American official to be shot and killed in Latin America this year. The U.S. Ambassador to Guatemala, John Gordon Mein, was killed by a machine-gunner in August. In January an assassination team gunned down Col. John D. Webber Jr., 47, head of the U.S. military group in Guatemala, and Lt. Cmdr. Ernest A. Munro, head of the U.S. naval section.